

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2278 - HB 2182

March 4, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Directs the Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD), in consultation with the Commissioner of the Department of Health (DOH), to study issues relating to “food deserts” and the lack of access to healthy food in rural areas of Tennessee. Requires the study to identify low-income and underserved rural areas in this state where residents lack significant access to healthy foods, including produce, and to evaluate policy options, including financial assistance, which could enhance the availability of healthy foods in such rural areas while providing means of fostering economic development. Requires the Commissioner of ECD to report the findings and recommendations of the study to the General Assembly on or before January 15, 2015.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$50,000/One-Time

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by ECD, and the cost for similar recent studies, the one-time cost of conducting this study will be \$50,000.
- Any increase in expenditures for DOH to offer consultations will be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources of the Department.
- Any increase in expenditures for ECD to prepare and deliver findings and recommendations of the study will be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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